

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action dated January 25, 2010.

Claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 are amended; claims 2-3, 16, 19, and 23 were previously canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer by the Applicant; claims 13-14 and 17 are presently cancelled, without prejudice to or disclaimer by the Applicant; as a result, claims 1, 4-12, 15, 18, 20-22, and 24-26 are now pending in this application.

Example support for the amendments may be found throughout the original filed specification. By way of example only, the learned Examiner's attention is directed to the original filed specification page 8 lines 18-21; page 11 lines 22-23; 12 lines 26-27, and page 13 lines 9-13.

Priority Objection

The Examiner acknowledges Applicant's claim for the benefit of a prior-filed application under 35 U.S.C. 120, but asserts that Applicant has not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit on an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the previous disclosure(s) fail to support a forward proxy capable of the functions attributed to the instant application, and therefore denies priority to this/these application(s). Applicant notes that the entire claim does not lose priority if the Examiner finds a lack thereof for a feature of a claim; rather, just those aspects of the claim without support in the prior claimed application are denied priority. So, those aspects of the claims that overlap with the prior filed applications still maintain priority. It is not the entire claim that loses priority just the subject matter in question. Applicant also reserves the right to later argue this point of the Examiner.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 103

Claims 1, 4-15, 17, 18, 20-22 and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "The Netscape Proxy Server Version 3.5 for Unix Administrator's Guide" (hereinafter, "Netscape") in view of Green et al. (U.S. 6,003,084) in view of Chari et al. (U.S.

7,430,757) and in view of Ackaouy et al. (U.S. 7,552,223). Obviousness requires that each and every element be taught or suggested in the proposed combination of references.

The proposed combination of references fails to teach or suggest that “all communications between a local domain accelerator and an external domain are mutually signed.” Applicant has amended the independent claims to reflect this element. The proposed combination does not teach or suggest this.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of record be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have equally addressed every assertion made in the Office Action, however, this does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record is relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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